

## DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION

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As the ~~beneficial~~ inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe:

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I am the original, first and sole inventor

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I am an original, first and joint inventor

of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled BALL JOINTED PEDICLE SCREW AND ROD SYSTEM, the specification of which:

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is attached hereto.

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was filed on April 2, 2004 as Application Serial No. 10/817,125.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56.

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Prior Application Number(s)	Country	Filing Date

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §120 of any United States patent application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56 which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

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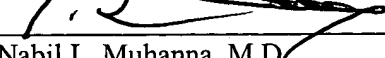
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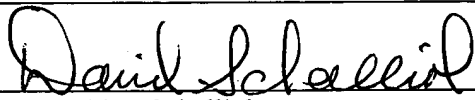
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